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SUBJECT: LDC ENERGY PROGRAM

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1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE ROLE OF
INDONESIA IN LDC ENERGY PROGRAM INCLUDING CONSTRAINTS
POSED BY TIMING. IN VIEW OF FACTORS SUCH AS THOSE OUTLINED
PARA 2 REFTEL THAT CONTINUE TO MAKE INDONESIA ATTRACTIVE
CANDIDATE FOR PROGRAM WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL THAT
BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION WE SOUND OUT GOI INTERESTS IN
U.S. ASSISTANCE IN ENERGY SYSTEM ANALYSIS, RESOURCE
ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING.

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2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO USE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN
INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DOI.

(A) LDC ENERGY PROGRAM REPRESENTS U.S. RESPONSE TO
SPECIAL NEEDS OF LDCS IN RESPECT TO CURRENT AND FUTURE
WORLD ENERGY SITUATION.

(1) IT WOULD ASSIST COUNTRIES IN SELECTION OF ENERGY STRATEGIES THAT MOST EFFECTIVELY CORRESPOND TO OVERALL DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

(2) IT WOULD PROPOSE TO INCREASE LDCS' KNOWLEDGE OF AND ACCESS TO INDIGENOUS RESOURCES THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO DEVELOPMENT.

(3) IT SHOULD REDUCE DEPENDENCY ON OIL.

(B) AT THIS POINT PROGRAM IS AT PILOT STAGE. INDONESIA IS ONE OF 4 COUNTRIES WITH WHICH DISCUSSIONS ON PARTICIPATION ARE UNDER WAY. WE FEEL THAT INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE SINCE

(1) THE GOALS OF THE U.S. PROGRAM ARE PARALLEL TO OR ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THOSE OF THE INDONESIAN ENERGY STUDY GROUP ALREADY AT WORK AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL TO THE GOI IN THIS CONTEXT.

(2) THERE ARE EXISTING COOPERATIVE LINKS IN ENERGY MATTERS.

(3) INDONESIA APPEARS TO HAVE A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES WHOSE FUTURE ROLE MERITS ADDITIONAL EXPERT STUDY.

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(4) INDONESIA APPEARS TO SHARE OUR VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SYSTEMATIC PLANNING IN RESPECT TO ENERGY MATTERS.

(C) AS INDONESIA HAS ALREADY RECOGNIZED, A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS IS A KEY STEP IN DETERMINING FUTURE ENERGY STRATEGIES. SUCH AN ANALYSIS, IN TURN, SHOULD REST ON BEST POSSIBLE DATA IN REGARD TO EXISTING AND POTENTIAL ENERGY RESOURCES. U.S. PROGRAM:

(1) PROPOSES TO WORK WITH INDONESIAN EXPERTS IN COMPILING COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF ENERGY RESOURCES BOTH OF TRADITIONAL TYPE (E.G. COAL) AND NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES (E.G. SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL).

(2) PROPOSES TO WORK WITH INDONESIAN PLANNING SPECIALISTS IN APPLYING MOST UP-TO-DATE ANALYTIC METHODS AND PROCEDURES TO DEVELOP A NUMBER OF ENERGY STRATEGY OPTIONS.

(3) WOULD PROVIDE SELECTIVE TRAINING TO INCREASE INDONESIAN CAPABILITIES IN BOTH OF ABOVE AREAS.

(D) ENERGY STRATEGY OPTIONS, BASED ON "HARD" DATA AND USING WIDELY RECOGNIZED ANALYTIC APPROACHES WOULD BENEFIT INDONESIAN PLANNING EFFORTS AND SUPPORT REQUESTS FOR ENERGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND MULTINATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(E) WE RECOGNIZE EXISTING WORK DEMANDS ON SMALL NUMBER OF INDONESIAN EXPERTS IN SUBJECT AREAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT PROGRAM IS FLEXIBLE, AIMED AT BEING RESPONSIVE TO INDONESIAN WISHES AND CAPABILITIES AND CLOSELY RELATED TO GOI'S WORK ALREADY UNDER WAY IN THIS AREA. IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT BY USING EXISTING CONTACTS SUCH AS THOSE ESTABLISHED BY AID AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AS WELL AS COORDINATION WITH EXISTING CONFIDENTIAL

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GOI PLANNING EFFORTS THERE WOULD BE RELATIVELY FEW INCREMENTAL DEMANDS PLACED ON INDONESIAN EXPERTS.

(F) WHILE WE FEEL THAT WITHIN TIME AVAILABLE PROGRAM EXPERTS COULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE IN MEETING PERCEIVED NEEDS OF CURRENT INDONESIAN ENERGY PLANNING EFFORTS, THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD IN OUR VIEW, BE MET BEST BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SERIES OF ENERGY OPTIONS BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC, MINERAL, TECHNICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES. WE FEEL THAT A REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THESE OPTIONS BY EXPERTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES COULD REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE COOPERATION IN ENERGY MATTERS. VANCE

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